

### Groundbreaking for Golf Learning Facility at VVMS



Jim Dierke, Visitation Valley Middle School principal introduced (l-r), Frank "Sandy" Tatum, chairman of The First Tee of San Francisco, Superintendent Carlos Garcia of the San Francisco Unified School District, and Mayor Gavin Newsom during a June 23 groundbreaking for construction of a golf learning facility at the school.

The First Tee of San Francisco announced plans on June 23 to build a golf learning facility on the playground at Visitation Valley Middle School (VVMS) during an afternoon groundbreaking ceremony. When completed later this year, the new golf learning center will

### Art Competition for Leland Avenue Streetscape Plan

The selection process for an artist who will be chosen for a Leland Avenue art installation came to the neighborhood on Thursday, June 11 at a meeting at the VVBOOM office at 91 Leland. Tonia Macneil, Project Manager opened the meeting with a review of the artist selection process. John Dennis and Martha Heavenston, landscape architects with the Department of Public Works first presented a review of the Leland Avenue Streetscape plan. Among the features discussed were bulbbed out sidewalks at pedestrian crossings, rain water catchment systems to utilize as much rain water possible, benches to be installed around trees, and footings for two vertical elements that would provide specific identity for Leland. There will be some tie-in with the Greenway plaza on Leland through the use of similar colored stucco. At present the plan provides for retention of the 56 bus stop on Leland at Bayshore. Community members were asked to comment on what elements of the community they would like to see reflected in the art installation, and what vision they might have of Leland Avenue in the future. The diversity of the community and its history were discussed.

### Empowering Youth in a Time to Talk

The San Francisco Youth Commission in partnership with youth and community organizations is working to promote youth involvement in policy discussions and increased networking among youth organizations both in neighborhoods and at citywide events. The goal is to increase youth voices so the young people have an impact on policy making. Events have been scheduled across the city since last December. On June 6, a large number of people gathered at Visitation Valley

Elementary School to encourage and support the participation of the young people in addressing the violence that is taking a tragic toll on families and friends in our neighborhood. After opening prayer led by Pastor Leslie Burch, Deanna Frierson and Kevin Blackwell welcomed everyone and voiced their hopes for the youth and the community. The intent of the event was to begin talking about the reasons for the violence, and then seek ways to alleviate the causes and bring peace to the neighborhood.

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### VVPA Hosts Sunnydale Planners

At the June meeting of the Visitation Valley Planning Alliance, representatives of Mercy/Related HOPE SF presented a review of the Sunnydale planning process to date, asked for input on what residents would like accomplished in the rebuilt neighborhood, answered questions and solicited participation for the Sunnydale Master Planning Committee. A basic fact sheet was handed out reviewing what the development will include:

- One for one replacement of the 785 existing apartments.
- New units will be a mix of public, affordable and market rate, including both rental and home ownership.
- City and community services.
- New jobs and potentially new businesses.

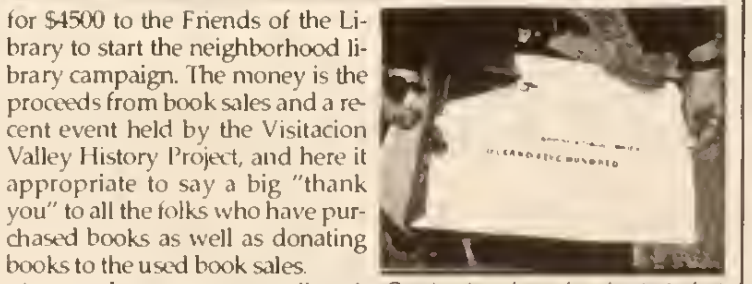
A major priority is to increase the perception that we are one neighborhood that includes Visitation Valley, Sunnydale, Little Jollywood, and the new housing development on the Schlage property. Tonja Boykin described the ongoing effort to reach all Sunnydale residents. Mercy staff knock on doors, talk to the residents and provide printed information. If no one answers, return visits will be made until there is someone at the home

### Biking Proposal for McLaren Park

If parks are for people, and people ride bikes, then people riding bikes in parks should be a double positive (assuming that 'people' and 'parks' are both positive). The SF Urban Riders, a non-profit coalition of recreational cycling advocates, will soon test this complex hypothesis as they attempt to secure approval to transform a part of McLaren Park into an urban cycling oasis. Their stated goal is to repurpose a vacant, weed infested slice of the park into a specialized off road bike course that will "contain elements that will appeal to families with children just starting on bicycles, young adults seeking the thrills and velocity of a jump park, those seeking to improve their technical mountain biking skills, and everyone in between." The subject lot is located along Sunnydale Ave, boarding the entrance to the Gleneagles Golf Course. This is the same site that was hotly contested late last year when a plan was drafted to use it as a satellite garbage and recycling location. The Urban Riders state that their proposal "will most likely take a few months to work thru planning and approval, but all indicators are that it will move forward successfully." As of yet, the Urban Rider have done little to garner community support in Visitation Valley. Scheduling community meetings to discuss this topic might help their cause. To learn more about the Urban Riders, check out SFUrbanRiders.org

### Grand Groundbreaking for New Visitation Valley Library

A jubilant crowd gathered at Leland and Rutland Streets on Wednesday, June 3 to celebrate the groundbreaking or the new Visitation Valley library. Neighbors, school children and city officials gathered for entertainment, speeches congratulating all, a ceremonial shallow dig in the soil, and refreshments. Nelson Palafox Mandac, who lives next to the library site, led off the entertainment with a rousing one man march to YMCA and then delighted the children and adults by stuffing bits of paper into his mouth and then magically pulling out yards of colored streamers. The Visitation Valley Elementary School singers sang for the crowd including a final original song We are the Valley Kids. They were followed by the Visitation Valley Middle School Guitar band led by director Terry Bray. The sixth and seventh grade young people are to be complimented on such good playing, especially when one considers that many did not have any musical training prior to attending the school. Principals Vincent Chao and Jim Dierke and the teachers can take great pride in their talented pupils. Brief congratulatory speeches were given by Supervisor Sophie Maxwell, City Librarian Luis Herrera, Donna Bero, Executive Director of the Friends of the Library, Fuad Sweiss, Deputy Director of Engineering for DPW, and Jewelle Gomez, President of the Library Commission. Edie Epps then presented a check for \$4500 to the Friends of the Library to start the neighborhood library campaign. The money is the proceeds from book sales and a recent event held by the Visitation Valley History Project, and here it appropriate to say a big "thank you" to all the folks who have purchased books as well as donating books to the used book sales. Among the guests were police officers from Ingleside station and firefighters from station 44, who also pleased the youngsters who could have a close up view of their engine. Another special visitor was Charles Higuera, former president of the library commission, who was presiding and encouraging during the last few years when Valley residents were pressing to get our library built. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the San Francisco Library. The building is funded by the city, but all furnishings are purchased by



Construction has already started at Leland Avenue and Rutland Street (top). The Visitation Valley History Project made a generous contribution. the volunteer fund raising efforts of the Friends, and each neighborhood is asked to help in raising the money for furniture, computers, carpeting, etc. Watch for announcements of future meetings of the Neighborhood Library Campaign. For further information contact Marian Chatfield-Taylor at 415-626-7512, ext. 103 or e-mail her marian.ctaylor@friendssfpl.org



Grapevine Mailbox

Public Safety Announcement

The following announcement was issued by the S.F. Police Department Ingleside District on June 4:

Dear Residents and Merchants of Visitation Valley:

There has been an increase in the number of armed and strongarm robberies on our streets and on the MUNI buses in the Visitation Valley District. We in the San Francisco Police Department are committed to public safety and are using innovative measures to capture these felons. As we investigate and move forward, here are some ways you can avoid being a victim:

- Avoid wearing headphones, iPods or using your cell phone when walking in the community. It reduces your awareness of your surroundings and thieves target these items to steal.

- Keep your wallet and cell phone on your person and do not place them in your bag or purse. Attempt to separate your identification from your wallet. In the event you are a victim, your identification will remain with you as your purse or wallet is taken.

- If you are a victim, call the police immediately. Do not wait until you are home to call. Every minute counts to catch the thieves.

- Try to remember the suspect's description. Look to see if a vehicle is involved and concentrate in obtaining the license plate of the vehicle.

- At night, walk in well lit areas and attempt to travel with other persons.

For Muni and public transit riders:

- Try to sit near the front of the bus. If you are sitting near the rear door, be aware that suspects like to grab a purse or bag and immediately exit the rear door.

- If you are sitting in the rear of the bus and a seat becomes available near the front, move to the front seat.

- If you are being robbed or assaulted, shout to the bus driver what is happening. Immediately report the incident to the bus driver.

- Be aware of suspicious person exiting the bus with you. (Source: SF SAFE)

Dial 911 for immediate police assistance or 415-553-8090 from a cell phone. If you have information regarding these recent robberies, you may phone Ingleside Station's Anonymous Tip Line at 415-587-8984.

Mural Should Include Authentic Calligraphy

Hi Folks: Right after our Leland Avenue art meeting at VVBOOM, I went to see the mural by the taco restaurant on Alpha/Leland.

As an artist myself, I reserve my comments on some design aspects and selective motifs that represent Visitation Valley.

However, since Visitation Valley is 60 percent Asians (mainly Chinese) the muralist must include authentic Chinese calligraphy — not a strange semblance of it! If the muralist needs help, I can refer someone to correct this caricatured Chinese writing. In it's present condition, this is certainly not acceptable to our predominant community!

I hope all current and future public projects should be inclusive, and give recognition of the language and cultural needs of our major

ethnic groups. And this is particularly timely and important because there are several major projects to enhance Visitation Valley.

Unfortunately, since information on many Visitation Valley major public projects have traditionally been in English only, how could our sizable non-and limited-English-speaking residents get properly informed to be involved?

Last week, the rash of robberies that targetted Asian victims made front page headlines on the Sing Tao newspapers. So, I hope the ethnic media is invited to cover meetings about the major Visitation Valley improvements and great projects — to deter their coverage on sensationalism.

Given the fiscal crisis, no one expects a lot of money to be spent spent on translating everything. However, San Francisco's Equal Access Ordinance stipulated that Tier I public postings should include Chinese and Spanish. How about sending this trilingual information to our community newspaper, The Grapevine, so they can be reprinted?

As a 20+ year resident and educator, I have "ingrained" on the sizable non-English-speaking residents to be involved with our community in order to empower ourselves. While many of them may not attend meetings nor are directly involved with some community issues, I have been able to get them to provide thousands and thousands of signatures to support worthwhile petitions and projects (i.e. Greenway, VV Library, Muni, McLaren Park, VV Club House, Health Care For All, CAA, etc.).

An informed and involved community is our main goal so let's work together to continue to build up Visitation Valley with everyone's efforts.

Marlene Tran, Spokesperson, Visitation Valley Asians Alliance

Another Bright Idea!

If you noticed in the last few days, the light bulbs and fixtures are being replaced along Bayshore Boulevard in Visitation Valley; yes, the new one put in with the T-Line a few years back.

Apparently there was a recall on them as they were burning too hot and thus burning out the bulb and fuse box. That answers why so many have been out.

Many of the fuse boxes also burnt out and are now on order, so we'll have to wait on some of them for awhile.

This is a good time to remind the Vis Valley community to call the City Lighting Department at 415-554-0730 and leave a message for Benny (sometimes he even answers the phone) when you notice burnt out or defective street lights. You will have to have the location and pole number of the light pole and he'll check to see if it is a City fixture or PG&E. They try to fix them within three days. You can also call 311, but it has been my experience that calling Benny direct works quicker.

It is very important that we have the best lighting we can here in the Valley on our streets for our personal safety and that of our property along with our neighbors, so please call if you notice a light out. It helps! Thanks, Edie Epps

Credit Card Scam

This one is pretty slick since they provide you with all the information, except the one piece they want. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from "Visa," and I was called on Thursday from "Master Card."

The scam works like this: Caller: "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at Visa. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase

A Town Hall On the Budget

by Senator Mark Leno

With an unprecedented \$24 billion budget deficit, Californians have had concerns and questions about how elected leaders in Sacramento would resolve the state's budget crisis. To address some of these concerns, I participated in a live, online Town Hall on June 15 with Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento). During the 90-minute forum we discussed the factors that prompted the budget crisis, the governor's proposed cuts and our ideas for resolving the state's fiscal emergency.

Thousands of Californians tuned in to the Town Hall, and about 1,000 people from across California submitted their questions and concerns about the budget. I want to share with you some of the issues we were able to address during that internet Town Hall.

How did we get to this fiscal crisis?

Steinberg: We got into this crisis in the short run because of what's happening nationally with our economy. We have seen the single largest drop in revenue in this state since the 1930s. At the same time the demand for public services, especially when there is stress in the economy and people are losing their jobs, is increasing.

Historically we are in this mess because 31 years ago voters passed Prop 13 as the state was not doing anything to control escalating property tax rates. What happened was that local governments and school districts lost their ability to raise revenue to meet local needs.

Leno: The General Fund grew in expenditures from \$53 billion in 1998 to \$100 billion in 2008. \$32 billion of that 47 percent increase is directly attributed to population growth and inflation — things we have little control over. So there's a remaining \$15 billion. The single fastest new growing expenditure program in the state from 1998 to is the cost of the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) reduction. From 1998-2008, Californians paid 2 percent of the purchase price of their car in vehicle license fees. These VLF funds

went directly to cities and counties. When Governor Schwarzenegger cut the VLF by 2/3 in 2003, we couldn't stiff the local governments so our state general fund paid the difference, costing us over \$35 billion these past six years, around \$6 billion annually. Spending at the Department of Corrections is costing \$3.5 billion per year. The last \$5.5 billion is for voter-approved measures, debt service on the economic recovery bond from 2004, infrastructure bonds from 2006, and Prop 42, which directed gas tax money from the General Fund to transportation funding.

What can we do to help end the two-thirds majority requirement so (a delay in the passage of the budget) doesn't happen every year?

Steinberg: Sign a petition (that would ask voters) to repeal the two-thirds requirement, which empowers a small number of legislators in the minority party to dictate the outcome and timing of the budget. This is a matter embedded in the constitution, and voters have to take the question back to the ballot.

Leno: California is one of three states that requires a two-thirds supermajority to pass the budget. There is not a city council, school board, county Board of Supervisors — not even the U.S. Congress — that requires a two-thirds majority vote to pass a budget.

Can we depend on having a budget in place by July 1?

Steinberg: Yes. It's important to understand that California already has a budget for 2009-2010 that was passed on February 20th of this year. Since then, revenue has decreased about another \$15 billion, so we are engaged now in making a major revision to a budget that has already passed.

Leno: It's an all public process. I am one of 10 legislators that serve on the Budget Conference Committee. It's made up of three democrats each from the Assembly and Senate as well as two republicans from each house. We have had three full weeks of Budget Conference Committee hearings. The first week was entirely made up of the public stepping forward and sharing their concerns about the proposed cuts and elimination of programs that the governor was putting forward.

Once we heard from the public

and took in all that information, we rolled up our sleeves and sat down to work with the Department of Finance, and the Legislative Analyst's Office for their non-partisan, independent perspective. The Budget Conference Committee will move their recommendations to the floors of the Senate and Assembly the third week of June.

I'm worried about budget cuts to education and school bus programs.

Leno: There's no issue that touches every Californian's life more than education. Potentially half of our cuts will be coming out of education. This is heartbreaking for all of us. We became the sixth largest economy in the world because we appropriately invested tax dollars in education. That was a worthy investment. And we are de-funding education right now because our state is starved for cash. I hope voters will understand that we are trying, in a two-thirds majority fashion, to access some revenue so it won't be all cuts. I hope we can mitigate some of the damage the governor has proposed so we won't see school bus programs, summer school and after school programs, arts, music and physical education eliminated. It doesn't bode well for our future.

Why aren't you cutting your own salaries?

Leno: State legislators' salaries are set by an independent commission. The commission has given legislators raises in recent years — raises I personally didn't feel comfortable taking because I was part of the process that was cutting so many other programs, and it just didn't seem right. I don't talk about it all that often because each legislator is in a very different personal situation. However, you are right. We should be experiencing the realities of this global crisis just like everyone else. I along with my Senate colleagues are taking a 5% salary reduction as we cut 10% of the Senate's overall budget.

To view the June 15 internet Town Hall, visit my website, [www.senate.ca.gov/leno](http://www.senate.ca.gov/leno).

Senator Mark Leno represents the Third Senate District, which includes Marin, and portions of San Francisco and Sonoma Counties.

pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VisaAcard which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in ?"

When you say "No," the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes." The caller continues: "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800 -VISA) and ask for Security."

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the important part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security Numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you some-

times use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say "No," the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do, and hangs up."

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number. But after we were called on a Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The real Visa Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short, we made a real fraud report and closed the Visa account. Visa reissued us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call Visa or Master Card directly for verification of their conversation. The real Visa told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement, you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call

from a "Jason Richardson of Master Card" with a word-for-word repeat of the Visa scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by Visa. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

How You Can Help Robbery Victims

I would like to write about how you can aid in the capture of robbery suspects by just being vigilant in your neighborhoods.

Most street robberies in the Ingleside District have a get away car involved. The victim hardly sees the car, because it is waiting around the corner from where the robbery occurred. So, if you happen to see one or two subjects run around the corner to a waiting car and quickly jump in and then the car speeds off, you may have witnessed the tail end of a street robbery.

Try to remember the license plate, make, model, number of doors and the color of the car. I know that's a lot to ask, but the license plate is probably the most important item on the list. The description of the suspects is also helpful. You'll know something is amiss, when you see police cars suddenly saturating the area. You can call the Non-Emergency number: 553-0123 with your information or if you wish to be anonymous, we have our "tip line": 587-8984. Lt. Louis Cassanego SFPD Ingleside Station

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## ...from the desk of the VVBOOM newsroom



by Nick Wolff

**Beautiful As You R** ... That is the clever name of downtown Vis Valley's newest hair salon, located at 170 Leland Avenue. Salon owner Marilyn Madison has been doing hair since she was 18, honing her skills as a graduate of the Institute of Cosmetology in Oakland. Marilyn later taught an 'Ethnic Hair' course at Miss Marty's School of Beauty here in San Francisco. This is clearly a beautician with Bay Area cosmetology experience. In her recently renovated salon she treats customers to a number of salon specialties such as: hair weaves (both sewn in and lace), press and curls, relaxers, braids, twists (for men and women), cornrows for men and of course hair care for children. So what makes Beautiful As You R stand out from the crowd? Marilyn says, "what I offer... great service". The salon will be of-



fering holiday specials, as well as beverages for clients including coffee, tea and bottled water. While she is unsure whether she'll be selling any hair care products at her salon, Marilyn knows customers will walk away feeling excited about their hair and the stylist who put it together. So why did this experienced beautician with an expanding customer base decide on downtown Vis Valley to open her salon? Marilyn likes the feel of Leland Avenue when people are out shopping (particularly on Saturdays), but more importantly because of her neighbor JB next door. Marilyn is close friends with 'The Shop' owner JB. Well, that and the weather, "the weather...oh for sure, the weather is beautiful out here." Beautiful As You R is located at 170 Leland Avenue. Marilyn is available by phone for appointments; she can be reached by phone @ 415/756.1450 or email: mmhairstyles3@aol.com.

**All Signs Point to 91 Leland** Harrell and Deborah Powell spent years purchasing Afrocentric greeting cards from large national chain stores for family and friends. They lived in the old Genevo Towers in the 1970s before relocating over to 3rd Street in the Bayview where they reside today. At some point after the year 2000, they realized there were African American owned and operated companies across the country that created Afrocentric greeting cards that weren't named Hallmark or American Greeting. It was around that time that Aquarius Enterprise was born. By tapping into an African American owned and operated manufacturer (in this case Carol Joy), Harrell and Deborah Powell began marketing the products themselves throughout the Bay Area. Aquarius Enterprise has been around for approximately seven years and specializes in Afrocentric greeting cards and gifts. Aside from cards for all occasions, they carry prints (framed and unframed), Shea Butter, calendars and a variety of other gifts. Harrell has been marketing Aquarius Enterprise at 91 Leland Avenue as part of our 'Microenterprise Program'

**Glad we could be of service.** VVBOOM was happy to host the Artist Orientation Meeting convened by Tonia Macneil of the San Francisco Arts Commission at our 91 Leland Avenue office on Thursday, June 11th. Selected artists, neighborhood panelists (including Marlene Tran and Anne Seeman), and engaged residents joined Tonia, along with two landscape



architects from the Department of Public Works to discuss the public art component of the Leland Avenue Streetscape Project. For more information on the public art piece that will accompany the new Leland Avenue Streetscape at the corner of Leland and Bayshore Blvd, please contact Tonia Macneil, Project Manager at 415/252.2551 or email: Tonia.macneil@sfgov.org.

## Funds May Stimulate Visitation Valley

by Russel Morine

A trickle of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, better known as "federal stimulus funds," may find its way to Visitation Valley in the very near future.

Backed by ARRA dollars, The Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development issued a citywide Request for Proposals (RFP) for new and enhanced "Work Services" to augment existing job readiness and workforce related services in the City.

Visitation Valley is specifically mentioned in Proposal Area IV, One Stop Satellite Services of this RFP. The goal is to establish a satellite One Stop Career Link Center, operated by a community based organization, in a yet to be determined location in Visitation Valley.

One Stop Career Link Centers currently offer a collection of resources for people with employment related needs in San Francisco. The closest One Stop Center to Visitation Valley is located in Bayview Hunters Point, at the Southeast City College

Campus, 1800 Oakdale Ave.

The opening of a satellite center in Visitation Valley will make it easier for community residents to tap into much needed employment related services such as career coaching, access to computers to conduct job search activities, and referrals to relevant non-workforce services (i.e. mental health, childcare, etc.)

The RFP states that the Visitation Valley satellite "must work with one or more One Stop Career Link Centers to develop and bring new programs and services from the One Stop Centers into the Satellite's target neighborhood. These services should be tailored to the specific needs and employment barriers of the residents of that particular neighborhood." The RFP will provide \$100,000 to \$200,000 for a one year program.

Proposals are due by July 1, 2009. At least two community based organizations have reportedly applied for funding so it is very likely the new center will open soon. For more information about the One Stop program visit [www.sfgov.org/onestopsf](http://www.sfgov.org/onestopsf) or call 311

## El Dorado Elementary School Happenings

by Lori Fetzter

*School's Out!!! The last day of school was Tuesday, June 9th. As you'll read below, preparations and celebrations were the main ingredients of those last few days.*

### Summer Kick-Off

June 1 marked the first annual Summer Kick-Off celebration at El Dorado Elementary School. The idea was conceived of and organized by Mary Jue, the school nurse, and Maria Acosta, the Site Nutrition Coordinator. During the day students rotated through four stations. At each station, the students were given information and activities to do relating to their summer vacation. For example, one station was a Jump Rope for Heart station where students participated in various jumping rope activities and talked about ways to stay active during the summer. Other stations focused on nutrition with tastings and information about Soda Free Summer. And yet another station had students reflect on their expectations for the summer months. A whole school assembly featuring a Year in Review slideshow, as well as a frozen grapes snack ended the day on an extremely happy note.

### Talent Show

Students clamored to sign up their acts on the lunchroom door poster. The talent show has always been a highlight of the end of the year. Students eager to show their creativity and energy sang, danced, jump roped, told jokes, and played musical instruments. As a finale, the school staff, including Principal Tai Schoeman, dressed in hilarious wigs, hats, ties and boas, got on stage and danced to High School Musical. Twirling and shimmying they all waltzed off stage to get the students back into the show by dancing along with them. A big Thank You to Ms. Walsh, first grade teacher, and Ms. Thornton, 2nd grade teacher, for coordinating this high energy, totally fun show!

### Kindergarten Graduation

On Thursday, June 4, the class of 2025 graduated from kindergarten at El Dorado Elementary School. Cheered on by their family and friends, three classes of kindergartners were honored



Ms. Jennifer with one of her students at Kindergarten graduation.

by their teachers, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Martinez, and Ms. Washington, as well as by Principal Tai Schoeman, for their academic achievement and attainment of first grader status! Congratulations to the graduates and their families.



Ms. Sepideh Mousakhani with her student Trzur Lee at 5th grade graduation.

### Fifth Grade Graduation

A bittersweet ceremony was held on Monday, June 8 as El Dorado sent the class of 2016 on its way to Middle School! Teacher Sepideh Mousakhani and student Trzur Lee are pictured (above) after participating in the Fifth Grade Promotion Ceremony. Forty-two students along with staff and families celebrated this auspicious occasion with performances and speakers from the 5th grade Class of 2009. The promotion ended with a wonderful slideshow of the year. We wish the fifth graders the best of luck in middle school!

## Read Those Contracts Carefully Before Signing on the Line

by Jason Alderman

When people hear the word "contract," some start daydreaming about signing a multimillion dollar deal with the NFL while others recall how their knees shook the day they signed that first car loan. If you think about it, though, many of our day-to-day decisions involve contracts.

Broadly defined, contracts are mutually binding agreements between two or more parties to do – or not do – something. It could be as simple as buying coffee (you agree to pay \$2.50 and the restaurant agrees to serve you a drinkable beverage); or as complex as signing a mortgage to which you'll be tied financially for the next 30 years.

Here are a few considerations to bear in mind before entering any agreement:

Sometimes contracts are formal, signed documents that outline specific conditions and penalties if those conditions are not met: For example, if you don't make your mortgage payments, the lender can foreclose on your house. Other times they are verbal or implied agreements: If the coffee is cold, you can ask for a refund.

It's important to anticipate things that might possibly go wrong, such as:

\*You sign a lease but later realize you can't afford the rent or don't like the neighborhood.

\*You buy a car you can't afford and when you try to sell it, the car is worth less than your outstanding loan balance.

\*You buy something on sale and don't notice the "No returns on sale items" policy.

\*You rent a car and later learn you accidentally agreed to optional insurance coverage you didn't want or need.

\*You join a cell phone plan and later realize it has stiff early cancellation penalties.

Financially inexperienced teenagers and young adults often get into this type of trouble, so make sure you discuss the implications of signing contracts with your kids well before they turn 18.

Here are a few additional tips:

\*Make sure anything you sign contains no unfilled blank spaces, even if the other party promises to fill them in a certain way. (To prevent misunderstandings, many contracts specify you must initial by key provisions to acknowledge your full understanding.)

\*Don't be afraid to ask to take a contract aside or bring it home for more careful analysis or to get a second opinion. A lawyer or financial advisor can help.

\*Don't be pressured into signing anything: If salespeople try that tactic, walk away.

\*Make sure everything you were promised verbally appears in writing. This is particularly important for terms like interest rates, down payments, discounts and penalties.

\*Keep a copy of every document you sign. This will be especially important in cases of contested rental deposits, damaged merchandise, insurance claims, extended warranties, etc.

\*Take along a "wingman" if you're making an important decision like renting an apartment or buying a car. It's wise to have someone there to help ask questions and protect your interests.

Remember, contracts are designed to protect both parties. Just make sure you fully understand all details before signing on the dotted line.

## Free S.F. Museum Days

### Free First Sunday

\*Asian Art Museum (reg. 7- \$12; under 12 free)

### Free First Tuesday

\*Cartoon Art Museum (\$2 - \$6)  
\*De Young Museum (\$6 - \$10, 12 and under: free)  
\*SF MOMA (\$7 - \$12.5; kids 12 and under: free)  
\*Conservatory of Flowers (\$1.5 - \$5)  
\*Legion of Honor (\$6-\$10; kids 12 and under free)

\*Yerba Buena Center for the Arts (\$3 to \$7)

### Free First Wednesday

\*Exploratorium (\$9-\$14.)

\*San Francisco Zoo — free for S.F. residents

### Free Third Wednesdays

\*California Academy of Sciences (\$14.95 - \$24.95, 6 and under free)

### Always Free

\*Randall Museum (199 Museum Way, 415-554-9600)  
\*Cable Car Museum (1201 Mason St., 415-474-1887)



## A Small Investment Returns a Safer Home

by Assemblywoman Fiona Ma

Do you have a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in your home? Well if your answer is "no," it may be that you aren't aware of CO alarms. But you probably aren't the only one. A recent survey by Kelton Research found that half of American households don't have a carbon monoxide alarm. Just as fire alarms detect smoke and alert you to a possible fire, CO alarms detect carbon monoxide and can save you and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that causes poisoning by displacing oxygen in the bloodstream. The most common causes of CO poisoning are fires, heaters, vehicle exhaust, and range-top stoves.

At low levels of exposure, CO poisoning can cause health problems such as headaches, nausea, fatigue, dizzy spells, confusion, and irritability. Later stages of CO poisoning can cause loss of consciousness, brain damage, and even death. CO poisoning is responsible for over 500 deaths and about 20,000 emergency room visits annually in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

CO poisoning is especially dangerous for people 65 years and older. Because older adults more frequently have pre-existing health conditions that affect the heart, lungs and circulatory system, the presence of one or more of these conditions lowers the victim's tolerance, and risk of a fatal carbon monoxide exposure. In 2001, 25 percent of the carbon monoxide poisoning death from home related products were adults 65 years and older (Consumer Product Safety Commission).

While these statistics are alarming, the good news is something can be done to prevent CO poisoning. By simply installing CO alarms, you can save you and your family from

potential CO poisoning.

Currently, 23 states require CO alarms. Unfortunately, California is not one of them. This is why my colleague, Senator Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) has introduced Senate Bill 183, of which I am a co-author of. SB 183 would require all existing single family homes to have a carbon monoxide detector installed by January 1, 2011. To learn more about SB 183, visit [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

Over the past two years, as your Assemblywoman, I've authored and co-authored important legislation that help keep you and your family safe - legislation such as AB 1108 which protects babies from toxic chemicals and AB 2592 which protects consumers from unlicensed locksmiths.

Below is a snapshot of bills I'm currently working on that are moving through the legislative process.

### Safe Pools

I am proud to be a joint author of AB 1020 with Assemblymember Bill Emmerson, which would require California's public swimming pools to increase their safety standards by installing anti-entrapment drain covers to prevent unnecessary deaths as a result of drowning. Drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death among children ages 1 to 14 in the United States. There were 74 documented incidents of circulation entrapment reported to the Consumer Product Safety Commission between 1999 and 2007, including 9 fatalities and 63 injuries, in which 54 of these incidents involved children under the age of 15.

### Misuse of Disability Placards

Last year, there were 1,234 false disabled placards confiscated in San Francisco. The widespread misuse of these placards has contributed to an already difficult parking environment in San Francisco. In response to numerous media reports and calls to action by the San Francisco Board of Su-

pervisors, I authored AB 144. The bill will not only increase the fines for placard misuse, but also allows for easier enforcement by allowing a vehicle to be cited as a citation instead of only as a misdemeanor. This change will provide parking control officers, in addition to local police, the ability to cite violators. Misuse of placards depletes the supply of disabled parking and greater deterrence is necessary.

### Safe Body Art Act of 2009

With the growing popularity of tattoos and piercing come concerns over safety. Some estimates show that nearly 25 percent of all adolescents have a tattoo. I was surprised when public health officials approached me to say that there were no statewide enforceable health and safety standards for tattoo and piercing procedures and parlors. In response I authored AB 517, which creates statewide standards for the regulation of persons engaged in the business of tattooing, body piercing and the application of permanent cosmetics in California. This bill has garnered tremendous support including from the industry itself due to fears of underground tattoo and piercing parlors transmitting diseases and the risk of infection.

### Safe Surrender

I am proud to be a co-author of AB 1048, authored by Assemblymember Alberto Torrico (D-Fremont). This legislation extends the state's Safe Surrender deadline 72 hours to 30 days for parents who are unable to care for their newborn. AB 1048 passed the Assembly floor with bipartisan support and will now head to the Senate for approval. Safe Surrender took effect on Jan. 1, 2001 to reduce the number of babies being abandoned in California. All 50 states now have similar laws, but 33 have provisions that allow at least 7 days for desperate or unprepared parents to relinquish their parental rights for newborns. The newborns can be anonymously surrendered at designated sites like hospitals and fire stations.

### Toxic Baby Bottles

One of the dangerous chemicals that I have worked to ban both while at the Board of Supervisors and in the Legislature is bisphenol A (BPA). This year I am a principal co-author of SB 797. Millions of babies and toddlers in California are being exposed daily to the harmful toxin BPA. This hormone-disrupting chemical can be found in baby bottles, food and beverage containers, and formula containers and is leaching into their food and drink. SB 797 will help protect children from this dangerous chemical by banning the use of BPA in children's feeding containers.

For more information on these bills please visit [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

## Saturdays are Special At Randall Museum

The Randall Museum offers drop-in, hands-on art and science workshops every Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at 199 Museum Way (off Roosevelt, above the Castro). Workshops are \$3 per child; \$5 for a parent and child combo. All kids under 8 must be with a paying adult. Call 554-9600 for further information.

\*July 11: Explore one of the many timeless Japanese architectural elements as you assemble your own Shoji screen lantern.

\*July 18: Make your own stylish cardboard wallet using recycled boxes.

\*July 25: Explore complementary colors and color blending as you create amazing crayon resist paintings.

Other regular Saturday activities include:

\*Morning Family Ceramics from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (\$5 per person workshop fee)

\*Meet the Animals from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon.

\*Animal Feeding at 12 noon.

\*Golden Gate Model Railroad Club Exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Visitation Valley History Project



### Treasured Memories Of a Valley Native

by Betty Parshall

Florence Porter has lived in Visitation Valley all her life, as did her parents before her, and still lives in the home which her parents had built in 1927.

Florence's parents, Clarence Porter and Marian Gibson, met and married in Visitation Valley.

They lived with her grandmother in a smaller home and then had the larger house built next door when Florence was four years old. Florence had one sister, seven years older than she, and during the World War II years, while her brother-in-law served in the Marines, the house accommodated her sister and six nephews and nieces, too.

Her father was a truck driver, filling orders for tanks of oxygen, and Florence sometimes was able to ride with him when he made deliveries. "He would see animals wandering and bring them home, chickens, rabbits, puppy or kitten, and my mother would say 'not another one!' The back yard always had several pets. We didn't eat the chickens or rabbits, just kept them as pets."

Florence remembered her father taking her to the rodeo at the roping club's large corral area at Sunnydale Avenue and Hahn Streets. She saw the Cow Palace being built and remembers when Sunnydale housing was built for navy personnel stationed here.

Florence attended Visitation Valley Elementary, Desmond Junior High, and graduated from Balboa High School in 1950.

She worked at a few different jobs after graduating from high school, and then was hired by Schlage Lock to work as a keypunch operator. She next worked in the shipping department, handling regular and change orders. Clearly she was an excellent worker. When an opening came up in the Engineering Department, manager Bill Espinola asked her if she would work for

him. She accepted, and Schlage sent her to San Mateo State to take courses in engineering and psychology. She spent 20 years in Engineering, drawing up blue prints for special orders along with other tasks.

Florence has so many positive memories of her years at Schlage. "We worked as a family. There were three women in our department, the rest were men. When someone had a birthday, one of the women would make a cake, and when one of the women had a birthday, one of the men's wives would make a cake."

Employees formed a choral group, and at Christmas time would sing Christmas carols throughout the buildings. She recalled a couple of employees who met on the job and got married in the auditorium there.

She was well acquainted with Walter Schlage and promised him that she would see that the original office building was looked after. She stays in touch with several people and talks with them from time to time.

Manager Jim Collins, executive office worker Sue Ochoa (who lives in Little Hollywood); Lou Dorich, Production Control remains a friend although he now lives in Colorado. Florence is now well acquainted with J.C. who is currently in charge of the Schlage demolition and was invited to a recent meeting on the site to meet with SF Fire Department people who have been using the site for emergency rescue training. She is well aware of the contaminants in the soil there, especially where the lock plating was done, but pointed out that the railroad shared in the contamination since the train tracks came right into the shipping department for loading stock, and SP employees would clean their machines on the Schlage site.

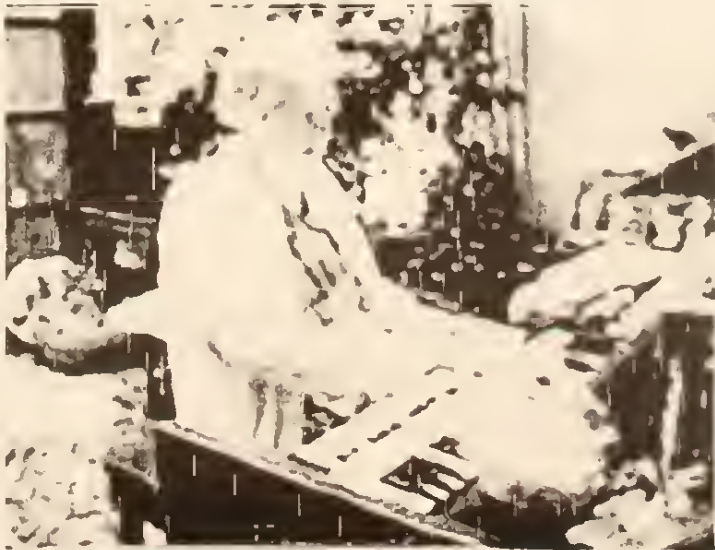
She loved working at Schlage where everyone was treated with respect and consideration. When she took a year's leave to care for her mother, her job was waiting for her when she came back.

But while she enjoyed her work at Schlage and made lifelong friends there, Florence had many other interests too. Her father had taught her to play the piano, and later on she taught herself to play the organ.

She served as organist for Our Lady of Visitation Church for twenty-two years. When she acquired a cocker spaniel puppy, she developed an interest in showing the breed, and has several ribbons won at dog shows in the Bay Area. Florence also knows people at KRON Channel 4, and the weather man occasionally will call to ask her "How's the weather out there?"

She took tap dancing lessons at the Visitation Valley Community Center when she was a child, and in her twenties took lessons at the local Arthur Murray Dance Studios. She was so talented that she became an instructor there and showed us pictures taken at the 1958 Medal Ball.

We were introduced to Love, the last in the line of cockers that Florence raised, and then were treated to a couple of organ pieces. Many thanks to Florence for sharing her fine memories with us.



Florence with a retirement certificate from Schlage Lock (top) and at her organ.

## McLaren Park News and Notes

by Betty Parshall

### Trails: Asphalt vs. Dirt Stirs the Dust

When Franco Mancini, president of Friends of McLaren Park, posted an urgent request on the Valley Eye asking readers to contact the Rec & Park Commission on how \$900,000 should be spent on park trails, he may have been surprised by the strong opinions on this question. The Department was recommending that all of the money be spent to repair dirt trails on the south side of Mansell. None was to be used to repair the crumbling asphalt trails in the much more heavily used park on the other side. A lively electronic discussion ensued between those who felt it most important to prevent possible erosion on the steep southern slopes and those who believed it more important to repair the asphalt trails, which are also eroding in many places, and make them safe for the many walkers who transverse them every day. Concern was also expressed by some respondents for the seniors and disabled in particular who cannot in most cases access and use the steep trails.

Franco reported after the commission meeting that the Natural Areas Program didn't get any of the money for its dirt paths program, but no final decision was made on how the money will be spent, and on which paths. He will continue to monitor and inform us on future action.

Apparently the discussion did not include mention of the Philosopher's Walk art installation, which will in part be on the south side of Mansell; some trail work may be included in that project, which is funded by the Art Commission.

And of course my pet peeve, the total lack of safe trails along Mansell and Shelley, asphalt or otherwise, and the lack of any pedestrian crosswalks and any traffic calming devices, was not part of the discussion.

### Mosaic Planter Complete at McNabb Lake

Last month I reported on the mosaic tile being installed on a round planter box next to the children's playground at the lake. This is to say that it has been completed and a very pleasing array of plants is now in place. It's a delightful enhancement to that spot, check it out if you can.

### Miscellaneous Observations

The coot parents continue to be vigilant; all six youngsters are doing well and learning to forage for their own food. Two of the smaller ones continue to follow a parent and get a little supplemental feeding as well from him or her.

The wildflowers have been particularly abundant this year, and the blackberries are going to produce a fine crop.

Watch your step crossing the big field on Shelley. Sorry to report that some dog walkers are not picking up the droppings; there're always a few around the park, but one morning I collected about three pounds just in that area.

### Keep Posted on Park Issues

E-mail Franco Mancini [johnmclarenpark@aol.com](mailto:johnmclarenpark@aol.com) and ask to be added to the mailing list. You'll receive notice of meetings and work parties as well as updates on issues affecting our wonderful park.



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## Joe Leland around the neighborhood

**\*Bayside Vista: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly:** Bayside Vista, the 62 townhomes atop Bayshore Blvd., will officially be on the market this month. Prices range from \$450,000 for a lower floor 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath unit to \$640,000 for a 4 bedroom, 2 bath upper floor units with astounding views. The home owner's association (HOA) fees are in the low \$200 per month range. The Good: Based upon the price, location, and the great views, Bayside Vista might be the best deal around when compared to the other new condo / townhome developments in the immediate neighborhood. The Bad: Parking will be very competitive. There is only one garage space per unit. Street parking will be woefully inadequate given the number of cars in the typical household. The Ugly: The sales material for the development completely ignores the shops along Leland Ave. and the schools in the neighborhood. This is inexcusable. For more info (and to complain about sales material) call the sales office at 415-859-5985.

**\*Hats in the Ring:** Sophie Maxwell's decade long reign as District 10 Supervisor ends in November 2010. That's nearly year and a half away but those seeking the mantle of authority are already lining up to be counted. Lifted directly from the SF politics website [www.sfsuassuspects.com](http://www.sfsuassuspects.com) the following names are either officially in play or rumored to be mulling the throwing of the ceremonial hat (some more feathered than others) into the ring. Declared: Cedric Akbar, James Calloway, Marie Franklin, Espanola Jackson, La Vaughan Moore, Diane Wesley Smith. Rumored: Bill Barnes, Malia Cohen, Tony Kelly, Angelo King, Arienne Landry, NTanya Lee, Hydra Mendoza, Carole Migden, Mohammad Nehru, Linda Richardson, Eric Smith. Note to the aforementioned candidates; If you don't live in District 10 now, maybe you should not consider running for District 10 Supervisor in 2010. No one likes a Carpetbagger.

**\*What's a "Carpetbagger"?:** Wikipedia knows all: "A carpet bag is a traveling bag made of carpet, commonly from an oriental rug, ranging in size from a small purse to a large duffel bag. Such bags were popular in the United States and Europe during the 19th century".... The term "carpetbaggers" was coined by Reconstruction era southerners as a insult to opportunistic northerners who moved to the South (with their carpet bag luggage) after the Civil War. "In modern usage, the term is sometimes used derisively to refer to a politician who runs for public office in an area in which he or she is not originally from and/or has only lived for a very short time."

**\*Zen Saying of the Month:** Talk sense to a fool and he calls you foolish. -Euripides

## Events in July at Valley Branch Library

Following are events in July at the Visitation Valley Branch Library, 45 Leland Ave.:

\*July 7, Tuesday: Fun-packed puppet show, *River Otter Secrets* by Swizzle Live Shows at 10:30 a.m. All ages are welcome. Space limited.

\*July 7, 14, 21 and 28, Tuesday: Toddler Tales and Playtime with books, rhymes, music and movement at 11:30 a.m. for children ages 18-36 months and caregivers. Stay for the playtime, right after the program.

\*July 14, Tuesday: *Garden of Songs*, songs about farms, gardens, and growing food abound in this concert at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy sing-along, move-along musical fun with Bonnie Lockhart. For ages 3 and older. Space limited. This is a green stacks program.

\*July 15 and 22, Wednesday: 3-D Origami Workshop from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Learn how to make 3D origami figures out of recycled paper in this

two part program. Attendance in both workshops is mandatory for participation. For ages 10 and up. For information or to register, contact: Abby at (415) 355-2848 or [aharwood@sfppl.org](mailto:aharwood@sfppl.org).

\*July 21, Tuesday: Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:30 a.m.

### DID YOU KNOW?

\*When purchasing eco-friendly paper, it's important to look for paper with recycled post-consumer fiber and FSC certification (Forest Stewardship Council), such as Wausau Paper(r) Astrobrights(r).

"We continually track industry trends and respond to what grillers are looking for today," said Mike Kempster Sr., executive vice president of Weber-Stephen Products Co., the premier worldwide manufacturer of outdoor grills and

grilling accessories. For more information, visit [www.weber.com](http://www.weber.com).

\*Of the 700 species of ants found in the U.S., 20 find refuge in homes, schools and businesses and about two dozen are considered pests, say experts at the National Pest Management Association. For more information, visit [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org).

\*Investing and personal finance expert Pam Knueger offers helpful financial tips and tricks at [www.money.msn.com](http://www.money.msn.com) and [www.moneytrack.org](http://www.moneytrack.org).

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## Mayors Forge Regional Consensus on High Speed Rail

Working with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed announced June 11 that they have helped establish consensus in the region about the Bay Area's priorities for high-speed rail.

The vision as outlined by the mayors of the Bay Area's two largest cities will make high-speed rail a convenient and practical transit option for residents of the region and will increase public transit options.

"It has been a team effort in the Bay Area to ensure California's high-speed rail system reflects the needs and wants of our residents who strongly support this initiative," said Mayor Gavin Newsom.

## New City Recycling Measure Key to Reaching 75 Percent Landfill Diversion

Mayor Gavin Newsom on June 9 commended the Board of Supervisors for its passage of the mandatory recycling ordinance. The ordinance, which today passed on the Board's first reading, requires residential and commercial building owners to sign up for recycling and composting services.

Mayor Newsom's ordinance will require all residences and businesses in San Francisco to take advantage of the city's recycling and composting collection programs. While several other cities require recycling service and participation, San Francisco is the first city to require the collection of food scraps and other compostables. Refuse collection has been mandatory since the 1930s.

"San Francisco has the best recycling and composting programs in the nation, and we've already attained an impressive, and first in the nation, 72 percent recycling rate because of them," said Mayor Newsom. "I am pleased with the leadership the Board of Supervisors has demonstrated on this important legislation. By collaborating with all of our stakeholders, businesses, colleagues, and citizens, we can build on our success

"Together, we have crafted a plan that will bring high-speed rail into the heart of our cities and provide true inter-modal and green public transit."

Creating high-speed rail service from Los Angeles to San Francisco's Transbay Transit Center in San Francisco is projected to reduce automobile greenhouse gas emissions by 6.4 percent and result in a reduction of 73 million Vehicle Miles Traveled each day. The Transbay Transit Center will serve as the intermodal transit hub connecting California High Speed Rail, Caltrain, AC Transit, Samtrans, Greyhound and Muni bus service and will be able to accommodate 12.7 million high speed rail passen-

gers per year and 45 million passengers a year through all modes of transit. The Diridon Station in Downtown San Jose will become an integrated transit hub connecting California High Speed Rail, Caltrain, BART, Amtrak, ACE, regional bus services, and local VTA light rail and bus systems. The expansion of Diridon Station and the completion of the high-speed rail line between San Jose and San Francisco will be completed by 2016.

"Bay Area residents voted overwhelmingly last year for billions in bond money to fund California's high speed rail system. By working together regionally, we've built a plan that makes sense and will attract federal dollars to build the system," said Mayor Chuck Reed. "San Jose's historic Diridon Station will serve as the regional hub connecting 4.1 million passengers each year with our state's innovation centers and travel destinations."

The regional plan will also electrify Caltrain service along the Peninsula, making the system faster and environmentally friendly. Electric train service will reduce travel time between San Francisco and San Jose by 13 percent. In 2016, the completed high speed rail system will allow travel between downtown San Francisco and downtown San Jose in 30 minutes.

California is on track to compete for substantial funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and regional consensus is an important step in securing those funds.

"Through the leadership of Mayors Newsom and Reed, we have mapped out a smart regional plan for high-speed rail in California," said Steve Heninger of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, "one that will help state lawmakers make the right funding choices and keep California competitive for federal support."

A comprehensive study conducted by the Department of the Environment found that 36 percent of what San Francisco sends to landfills is compostable, primarily food scraps, and 31 percent is recyclable—which is mostly paper. There are facilities in the City and surrounding areas that reuse, recycle, compost or otherwise process and market most materials discarded in San Francisco, saving this material from landfill and creating green-collar jobs.

Newsom said a primary goal of the mandatory recycling ordinance, which was cosponsored by Supervisors Ross Mirkarimi and Chris Daly, is to get recycling and composting happening in buildings where it is not currently provided. "Many tenants want to recycle and compost," said Newsom, "but the building does not offer the service. We're going to change that."

Newsom said that if all of the recyclable and compostable materials currently going to landfills were captured by our programs, San Francisco's recycling rate would soar from 70 percent to 90 percent. No fines are specified in the ordinance, but there is a cap of \$100 established for residences and businesses that generate less than one cubic yard of refuse per week, which is the equivalent of six 32-gallon carts. Fines higher than \$100 may still apply to businesses and to landlords of large apartment buildings who refuse to offer recycling and composting opportunities to tenants when feasible.

Newsom said that cities with mandatory recycling and fines, such as Seattle, rarely assess such fines. He stressed that fines serve primarily to heighten public awareness and encourage compliance.

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## Book Review

### Hidden San Francisco

This 13th edition of Hidden San Francisco and Northern California by Ray Riegert (Ulysses Press, \$19.95) is the ultimate guide to the region's spectacular beauty with detailed information on hiking, camping, surfing, skiing and river rafting. It features:

\*An all-new four-color section features photo surveys of wineries, redwood groves, hidden beaches, ethnic neighborhoods, Gold Rush towns and more.

\*Reviews a wide range of unique accommodations from hip boutique hotels to one-of-a-kind bed and breakfast inns.

\*Newly added Hidden Highlight maps point the way to lesser-known gems in San Francisco, the Wine Country, along the coast and all across Northern California.

The book also surveys the area's diverse dining options, including California cuisine, fresh seafood, and ethnic options like Chinese, Japanese and Italian.

## Cooking Corner

### Crazy Curly Broccoli Bake

1½ cups whole wheat corkscrew pasta, dry; 3 cups broccoli, frozen, chopped; one 10.5-oz. can low-fat cream of broccoli soup, condensed; ½ cup skim milk; 2 tablespoons plain breadcrumbs; ¼ teaspoon salt-free seasoning blend.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook pasta according to package directions. Place frozen broccoli in large microwave-safe dish and cook for 2 minutes on HIGH. Coarsely chop cooked broccoli. Mix soup with skim milk, and add to chopped broccoli.

Add cooked pasta and mix. Top with bread crumbs and seasoning blend. Bake in oven for 10-15 minutes until heated through. Serves: 6.

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### Solar Neighborhoods?

Dear EarthTalk: I know of solar power systems that people can put on their roofs to generate electricity or heat water. Are there systems that serve whole neighborhoods? -Lee Helscel, via email

Collective bargaining is a good strategy when looking to get the best price on a given product or service. Solar power is no exception, and dozens of neighborhood-wide installations in the U.S. and Canada have created a new model whereby going solar can actually start to pencil out for individual homeowners.

One of the first neighborhood-wide solar installations in the world was at the master-planned community of Drake Landing in the town of Okotoks in Alberta, Canada. The entire community, now with more than 50 homes built and occupied, is heated by a neighborhood-wide "borehole thermal energy" system designed to store abundant solar energy underground during the summer and distribute it to each home as needed for space heating throughout the winter. The system, which launched in June 2007, now fulfills some 90 percent of each home's space heating needs, with any slack taken up by fossil fuels.

While some planned communities like Drake Landing incorporated neighborhood solar power from the get-go, others decided it made sense after they were first built. One example is the deal that homeowners in Marin County, California can get in on, thanks to the hard work of the nonprofit CoSolarMarin. The group negotiated discounted group rates with several photovoltaic solar panel providers, and eventually signed on with SolarCity, a Silicon Valley based solar provider that operates some 30 different "community solar programs" across California, Arizona and Oregon.

GoSolarMarin was able to negotiate a rate some 25 percent lower than what a typical solar installation would cost for Marin County residents willing to participate. And best of all, homeowners can lease from SolarCity instead of having to pay tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket to buy equipment that may become obsolete in a few years. SolarCity monitors all clients' installations online to ensure that they are running at peak performance, and also makes house calls for maintenance as needed.

While California is no doubt a leader in residential solar power, the concept is spreading. Neighborhood Solar, for instance, is a

Colorado-based nonprofit formed to accelerate the adoption of residential solar power in the Denver Metro area. The group organizes homeowners into collective solar purchasing groups, and negotiates significant discounts accordingly. "We act as an independent buyer's agent," the group reports on its website, "with the goal of providing the best value to residential solar purchasers while helping installers put up more solar at reduced overhead costs."

Community-based groups like GoSolarMarin and Neighborhood Solar are springing up all over the country, and dozens of solar companies have now adopted the community installation model. Community leaders interested in neighborhood-scope solar programs should shop around for the best prices and service guarantees before signing with any one solar provider. There's a lot individuals can do to be part of clean energy solutions; there's even more a group working in concert can accomplish, and community-based solar is but one bright and shining example.

Dear EarthTalk: Is there any truth to the rumor about high levels of birth control chemicals being found in some cities' drinking water? If so can these be filtered out? -Elizabeth Yerkes, via email

It is true that trace amounts of birth control and other medications—as well as household and industrial chemicals of every

stripe—are present in many urban and suburban water supplies around the country, but there is considerable debate about whether their levels are high enough to warrant concern.

In 2008 the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) tested water in nine states across the country and found that 85 man-made chemicals, including some medications, were commonly slipping through municipal treatment systems and ending up in our tap water. Another report by the Associated Press found trace amounts of dozens of pharmaceuticals in the drinking water supplies of some 46 million Americans.

But according to USGS, such chemicals and medications are so diluted—at levels equal to a thimble full of water in an Olympic-sized swimming pool—that they do not pose a health threat. But others aren't so sure. Researchers have found evidence that even extremely diluted concentrations of drug residues harm fish, frogs and other aquatic species, and have been shown to labs to impair human cell function.

One of the common culprits is estrogen, much of which is inadvertently released into sewers through the urine of women taking birth control. Studies have shown that estrogen can wreak reproductive havoc on some fish, which spawn infertile offspring sporting a mixture of male and female parts. Researchers at the University of Pitts-

burgh found that human breast cancer cells grew twice as fast when exposed to estrogen taken from catfish caught near untreated sewage overflows. "There is the potential for an increased risk for those people who are prone to estrogenic cancer," said Conrad Volz, lead researcher on the study.

What may be more troubling is the mixture of contaminants and how they might interact to cause health problems. "The biggest concern is the stew effect," says Scott Dye of the Sierra Club's Water Sentinels program. "Trace amounts of this mixed with trace amounts of that can equal what? We don't know."

With such contaminants proving elusive to municipal filtration systems, the burden of protection often lies with the end user. But getting traces of birth control and other drugs out of your tap water isn't so easy. Of the many different kinds of in-home water filtration systems available today, only those

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employing reverse osmosis have been shown to filter out some drugs. Some makers of activated carbon water filters claim their products catch pharmaceuticals, but independent research has not verified such claims.

"The best choice," says Cathy Sherman of the natural health website Natural News, "would probably be a combination of a reverse osmosis filter augmented by pre- and post-activated carbon filters." Installing such a system just for drinking water is sufficient, she says, given that water used for cleaning and plumbing doesn't typically get ingested. As to prevention, the non-profit public health and safety agency, NSF International, urges individuals to not use their toilets or sinks to dispose of unused medications and to opt for the garbage instead; most modern landfills are lined to keep such contaminants inside.

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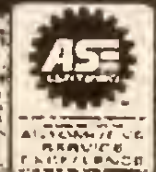
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## Visitation Valley Police Report

### Police Cases

\*On May 22 at 8:31 p.m. on the 1400 block of Sunnydale Avenue, several housing officers reported to the area regarding shots fired. There were no witnesses, or injuries. Evidence was collected. At 5:09 p.m. at Bacon and Brussels streets, officers responded to a robbery where the victim's cell phone was taken by several subjects. The victim told the officers that she was walking down the street, when a group of subjects walked past her and one of them pulled at her arm. The victim struggled to pull her arm back, but could not. Another subject from the group went into her pocket and took her cell phone. The victim chased the suspects but could not keep up with them. Officers detained several suspects who matched the description given by the victim and located her phone on one of them. Two of the suspects were placed under arrest and transported to Youth Guidance Center for booking. The victim was not injured during the robbery.

\*On May 23 at 10:40 a.m. near John Shelley Drive and Cambridge Street, while patrolling the area, an officer ran the plate of a vehicle traveling in front of him. The vehicle had a false year tab. The driver of the vehicle had a suspended license. The driver was cited, and the vehicle was towed.

\*On May 24 at 2:45 p.m. on the 1900 block of Sunnydale Avenue, an officer effected a traffic stop for a license plate cover. The driver also had a suspended license. The vehicle was towed. At 7:16 p.m. at San Bruno Avenue and Somerset Street while riding a Muni bus, a victim was approached by a male who hit victim with his fist. The subject demanded the victim's cell phone. At 2:35 p.m. on the 100 block of Brussels Street, officers responded to a robbery. The victim stated that she was walking on Silliman when two unknown suspects grabbed her and took her purse, cell phone, and keys. The suspects then jumped into a waiting car and fled the area. Officers located some of the stolen items and returned them back to the victim. The victim was not injured during the incident.

\*On May 25 at 11:30 a.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Hahn Street, officers arrived to the regarding a grass lot on fire. The fire was approximately 100 feet from two residences. Witnesses gave a description of a male subject in the area at the time, who may have been responsible. The subject was located, questioned, and booked.

\*On May 26 at 4:45 p.m. on the 400 block of Burrows Street, officers responded to a report of a robbery at a school. The officers spoke with the victim who stated that he was walking on Bacon Street when he was approached by four suspects. One of the suspects told the victim to let him search his pockets, and he objected. One suspect threatened the victim with a stick while the other placed his hand inside the victim's pocket, removing his cell phone. The suspects fled the area after the robbery. The victim was not injured during the incident, and the suspects were not located. At 12:30 a.m. at Bayshore Boulevard and Geneva Avenue, an officer cited a driver for speeding and no license. The vehicle was towed. At 6:37 a.m. at Visitation Avenue and Hahn Street, an officer cited a driver for failure to stop at a stop sign and no license. The vehicle was towed. At 5:13 p.m. on the first block of Leland Avenue, officers stopped the driver of a motorcycle, when they noticed the subject driving dangerously. The driver, who was on probation, was searched and narcotics were located. The subject was booked. At 10:53 p.m. on Harkness Avenue at Girard Street, a victim's money and cell phone were taken by two male subjects, while walking in the above area. The victim was approached from behind. At 9:47 p.m. at Visitation Avenue and Sawyer Street, officers responded to a robbery with a gun. The victim was followed off of a Muni bus by two suspects. The suspects waited for the bus to leave before one of the suspects pulled out a handgun and pointed the gun at the victim. The victim's cell phone, camera, and iPod were stolen.

\*On May 27 at 7:24 a.m. at Tucker Avenue and Rutland Street, officers responded to a call of a woman who was being robbed. The suspect fled the scene prior to the officers arrival. The suspect knocked the victim to the ground and hit her on the head with a gun. At 7:27 a.m. at Visitation Avenue and Britton Street, officers responded to a call of a woman who was robbed with a gun. The suspect brandished a firearm and forcibly pulled her purse from her. The suspect fled prior to the officers arrival. At 8:21 a.m. at Visitation Avenue and Britton Street, officers responded to a call of a woman who had her purse snatched. The suspect fled the scene prior to the officers arrival. At 11:32

a.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Hahn Street, officers responded to a call of a woman who had her purse snatched. The suspect fled prior to the officers arrival. At 12:18 p.m. at Arleta Avenue and Rutland Street, officers responded to a call of a woman who had her purse snatched after being grabbed and pushed the victim. The suspect fled prior to the officers arrival. At 1:31 p.m. at Brookdale Avenue and Santos Street, Ingleside officers were working a fugitive recovery enforcement operation under the direction of a police lieutenant. The officers contacted a known subject with an active warrant who was taken into custody without incident and later booked. A second subject fled from the officers holding his waistband area as he fled. This second subject was eventually taken into custody and a container of pepper spray was retrieved from his pockets. This subject was cited and released to a parent. At 7:41 p.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Santos Street, officers responded to a call of a robbery on a Muni bus. The victim was sitting on bus when the suspect attempted to take her purse with no success. The suspect then took the victim's cellular phone which was in her hand then fled prior to the officers arrival. At 10:28 p.m. at Delta and Hamilton streets, officers responded to a call of a man who had his money, cellular phone, and his shoes stolen. The suspects pushed him to the ground and pointed a gun at him. The suspects fled prior to the officers arrival.

\*On May 28 at 2:10 p.m. at Cielito Street and Geneva Avenue, an officer stopped a vehicle for tinted windows. The driver was also cited for not having a license and the vehicle was towed.

\*On May 29 at 6:56 p.m. along the 100 block of Brookdale Avenue, officers responded to a call of a fight involving two women. One of the women cut the other woman's tires. The suspect was detained and arrested. At 3:09 a.m. at Blythdale Avenue and Santos Street, an officer from Mission Station prepared a report regarding a victim that was brought to SFGH with a gunshot wound. The subject was not very cooperative. A GTF officer responded and assisted in recovering evidence from the vehicle used to transport victim. Officers were able to collect narcotics, clothing, ammunition and a handgun. At 11:21 p.m. on the 200 block of Santos Street, a victim had just gotten off the bus and was walking home, when she was pushed from behind by an unknown male who took victim's backpack.

\*On May 30 at 5:40 a.m. at Santos Street and Velasco Avenue, an officer reported a robbery on a Muni bus (9x line). The victim was approached by a male subject who grabbed her purse. The victim attempted to hold onto her purse and was dragged off the bus and struck her head on the sidewalk. At 1:30 p.m. on the unit block of Brookdale Avenue, an officer reported a residential robbery. A Sony PlayStation and video games were taken. At 6 p.m. at Velasco Avenue and Santos Street, officers reported two robberies which occurred on a Muni bus (line 9x). One of the victim's cellphone was stolen from her hand, while she was making a phone call, by a male subject. The other victim was approached by a second male subject who attempted to take her cellphone from her hand.

\*On June 1 at 1:44 a.m. at Bayshore Boulevard and Leland Avenue after getting off a bus, a victim was approached by three suspects, one of whom pointed a gun at him. After rob-

bing the victim of money and personal belongings, one of the suspects assaulted him. All suspects fled the scene and were not located.

\*On June 2 at 10:27 a.m. on the 100 block of Blythdale Avenue, a man reported that he was sleeping in his bed when an unknown suspect crashed through the upstairs bedroom door. The suspect mentioned something about having permission to be there from the victim's mother, then left the room and went downstairs. The victim later found a television missing from the residence. At 4:50 p.m. on the 100 block of Santos Street, a woman stated she had received four calls stating that she won a foreign lottery. Believing the calls were part of a scam, she decided to report this incident. At 5:08 p.m. along the 200 block of Blythdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of burglary to a residence.

\*On June 3 at 7:45 a.m. on the 2600 block of Bayshore Boulevard, an officer noticed a woman yelling while standing in the street. She was detained for her safety but eventually released after a brief investigation. At 1:31 p.m. on the 200 block of Leland Avenue, an officer prepared a report of a residential burglary. At 3:48 p.m. on Leland Avenue at Desmond Street, an officer witnessed a driver of a vehicle talking on a cell phone. After stopping the vehicle, the officer learned the driver did not have a license or insurance. The driver was cited for all three violations and the vehicle was towed.

\*On June 4 at 7:34 p.m. on the 100 block of Castillo Street, an officer prepared a report of residential burglary. Unknown suspect(s) forced entry to an apartment and stole jewelry and electronics.

\*On June 5 at 4:18 p.m. at Bayshore Boulevard and Arleta Avenue, officers witnessed a male and female subject cross against the red pedestrian light. When they went to stop the subjects, they saw the female throw something on the ground. The item thrown was later found to be suspect heroin and the female subject was arrested. At 11:37 p.m. on the 400 block of Sunrise Way, officers responded to a report of two males fighting. They arrived to find a victim with a cut on his hand. The victim pointed out the suspect, who was arrested by the officers. At 3:16 p.m. on the 1400 block Sunnydale Avenue, officers responded to a call of gunshots. The officers arrived to find several shell casings on the ground and bullet holes in a parked vehicle. No injured victims or witnesses of the shooting were reported or found. At 6:30 p.m. on the 100 block of Wabash Terrace, an officer prepared a report of a residential burglary. A window to the home was broken and a television was taken.

\*On June 6 at 12:45 p.m. on the 100 block Blythdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of damage to a door. At 1:05 p.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Hahn Street, officers were approached by a victim who stated she was robbed on a Muni bus. A male subject grabbed the victim's iPod and forced it from her hand. The suspect then fled the bus with several other subjects. At 1:28 p.m. on the 1000 block of Visitation Avenue, officers responded to a report of a theft. The victim told the officers he received a letter stating he had won \$150,000 in a lottery. In order to receive the winnings, the letter said he needed to pay the taxes (\$7,875) in advance. The victim paid the money only to find the lottery was a fraud.

\*On June 8 at 3:36 p.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Hahn Street, officers met with the victim of a robbery. She stated that while riding a Muni bus, a subject approached her and grabbed at

her backpack. The victim was able to hold onto the backpack, but during the struggle, the suspect reached in and removed an electronic dictionary. The suspect then fled the scene and was not located.

\*On June 9 at 12 noon on the 100 block of Hahn Street, an officer prepared a report for a victim that stated someone opened a credit card account in her name. At 5:36 p.m. on the 100 block of Brookdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of a broken residential window. At 9:44 p.m. on the 1500 block Visitation Avenue, officers responded to a report of a shooting. The victim stated she found a bullet hole in her ceiling. She then found a bullet behind her television. The victim's mother stated she heard a loud boom about 15 minutes prior. The bullet was collected as evidence.

\*On June 10 at 2:36 p.m. on the 100 block of Brookdale Avenue, officers met with a robbery inspector to review the video from a previous robbery on a Muni bus at Sunnydale and Hahn. After reviewing the video, the officers recognized the suspect as someone they had contacted numerous times in the past. They went to the suspect's neighborhood, found and arrested him for the robbery charges. At 10:50 p.m. at Visitation Avenue and Hahn Street, a police sergeant observed a vehicle cross over the double yellow line, forcing him to swerve away to avoid a collision. When the sergeant stopped the car, he learned the driver had a suspended license. The sergeant issued the driver a citation for both violations and had the vehicle towed. At 9 p.m. at Bacon and Goettingen streets, a victim was robbed of her purse, keys and gloves during a purse snatch incident where an unknown suspect came up behind her, took her purse from her shoulder and fled down the street. The victim was not injured during the robbery. At 10 p.m. in McLaren Park, a xounter report was taken of an assault with a BB gun. The victim said she was walking in the park when she was shot in the leg with a BB gun. The victim saw one suspect with a BB gun running towards her and another group of suspects running behind the first suspect shooting at him with a BB gun. The victim began to yell and the suspects ran away from the area. Several minutes later the victim saw the police detaining a group of people near the park. She did not know if the detention was related to her incident or not, so she continued to drive away.

\*On June 11 at 2:54 a.m. on the 3000 block of San Bruno Avenue, officers responded to a drive-by shooting. The victim had been shot in the foot while standing on a public street. The suspects in the vehicle fled the scene prior to the police arriving. At 12:45 p.m. along Santos Street, an officer, while driving a police vehicle equipped with a tracker, received a signal of a stolen vehicle. The officer, along with numerous other SFPD tracking units, followed the signal, until they located the vehicle, parked and unattended on Santos Street. Officers waited until the driver returned to the car and then placed him into custody. An officer contacted LAPD, where the vehicle had been stolen from and advised them of the arrest. The driver and passenger were transported back to Bayview Station. The vehicle was towed to the Police tow yard.

\*On June 12 at 6:04 a.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Santos Street, officers responded to a report of a robbery. The victim stated that after she got on a Muni bus, she was approached by the suspect, who demanded her

purse. When she refused, he removed her purse from her forcibly. The suspect fled the scene and was not located. At 7:01 a.m. at Sawyer Street and Sunrise Way, officers responded to a report of possible gunshots. They arrived on scene and contacted a security guard, who stated he saw two subjects carrying a possible gun in the area. The suspects were identified using photographs taken by the security guard's cell phone, but were not located. No evidence of a shooting was located either. At 6:58 p.m. at Schwenn Street and McDonald Avenue, officers responded to a call of threats made over the telephone. They were able to locate the and detain the suspect. However, they now could not contact the possible victim to determine if any actual threats had been made. The suspect was released after a brief investigation. At 9:45 p.m. on the 400 block of Sawyer Street, a police sergeant and officers were looking for a known suspect with a carjacking warrant. They located the suspect and arrested him after a brief foot chase. A search of his person and nearby residence revealed a firearm and stolen property. At 10:55 p.m. on the 100 block of Brookdale Avenue, officers responded to a burglary. While conducting their investigation, they heard very loud music coming from an apartment over 100 feet away. An officer contacted a very intoxicated subject inside the apartment, who had just turned up the music even louder upon the officer's arrival. The officer issued the subject a citation for disturbing the peace.

\*On June 13 at 10:05 a.m. on Felton Street, an elderly victim was robbed by two suspects in a parking lot area. The victim told officers that he was on his way to Walgreens when two suspects approached him, brandished a knife at him and demanded his keys and wallet. The victim fought the suspects and the suspects fled the area without getting any of the victim's belongings. The victim was not injured during the incident. At 12:33 p.m. on the 200 block Blythdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of a broken apartment window. At 3:40 p.m. on the 400 block Hamilton Street a report was prepared of the theft of approximately \$40,000 using forged checks. At 4:49 p.m. on the 700 block of Velasco Avenue, officers responded to a report of a burglary. The victim stated she witnessed an unknown subject try to gain access to her home. The officers were not able to locate the suspect, but did find damage to the front gate. At 5:45 p.m. on Schwenn Street at Visitation Avenue, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that ran a stop sign. When he learned the driver did not have a license, he issued the driver a citation for both violations and had the vehicle towed. At 5:50 p.m. at Velasco Avenue and Rio Verde Street, officers located a missing person and returned him home. At 9:53 p.m. on the 2200 block Bayshore Boulevard, officers responded to a report of a robbery. The victim stated she was on a Muni bus when a suspect took her purse from her and ran off the bus.

\*On June 14 at 12:21 a.m. at Burr and McCarthy streets, an officer prepared a report of a known suspect breaking a car window with a baseball bat.

\*On June 15 at 1:32 a.m. at Geneva and Brookdale avenues, an officer witnessed a vehicle driving at night with only the parking lights on. She stopped the car and learned the driver had never been issued a license. The officer issued the driver a citation for both violations and towed the vehicle. **See Next Page**

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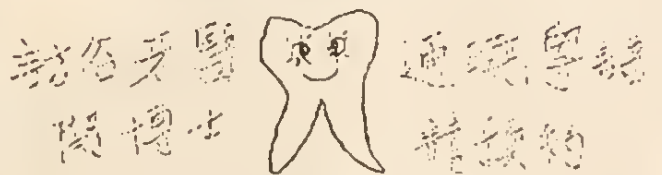
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## Police Cases

\*On June 15 at 10:08 a.m. on the 100 block of Brookdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of tires and rims removed from a parked car. At 2:28 p.m. on the 1100 block Goettingen Street, officers responded to a report of a person possibly breaking into a car. They arrived on scene and detained a suspect who matched the description given in the call. The suspect was eventually released when it was determined no crime had taken place. At 3:50 p.m. at Sunnydale Avenue and Schwerin Street, an officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle that had no front license plate and expired registration. When it was determined that the driver had a suspended license, the officer issued the driver a citation for all three violations and had the vehicle towed. At 7:34 p.m. on the 100 block of Tucker Avenue, officers responded to a report of a missing adult. After obtaining her information, the officers left the house and began looking for her. The missing person was eventually located and returned home.

\*On June 16 at 3:21 a.m. on the 200 block of Blythdale Avenue, officers responded to a report of a stabbing. The victim stated she answered the door and was stabbed repeatedly by an unknown suspect, who then fled. An ambulance arrived and determined the victim's injuries were not life threatening. At 4:11 p.m. on the 200 block Leland Avenue, officers responded to a report of a possible explosive device. A construction crew found what they thought might be a hand grenade. The Explosive Ordinance Detail arrived and determined the device was not explosive and seized it for destruction. At 11:27 p.m. on the 100 block Leland Avenue, an officer prepared a report of a residential burglary. An unknown suspect entered an apartment, possibly through an unlocked door, and stole a laptop computer.

\*On June 17 at 3:30 p.m. on the 100 block of Kellogg Avenue, a police sergeant prepared a report of theft from a residence. A known suspect admitted to taking jewelry from the victim and selling the items at a pawn shop. Several pieces were recovered, but three items were not located. At 12:18 a.m. on the 600 block Velasco Avenue, officers responded to a report of an attempted rape. The victim stated she was walking home when a suspect ran at her, grabbed her lunch bag from her and ran off. The victim's sister, inside their nearby house, heard the victim screaming and called the police, believing a rape was taking place. The victim said there was no sexual assault, only the robbery.

\*On June 18 at 1:42 p.m. on the first block of Santos Street, a male suspect was observed to be urinating on a wall by officers. The subject had no identification so a citation could not be issued at the time. The male was transported to Ingleside Station where the officers were able to adequately identify the him and he was released from the station with a citation. At 4 p.m. on the 100 block of Kellogg Avenue, officers responded to a family disturbance where an adult son had damaged his mother's vehicle. The suspect refused to show the officers his concealed hand at the scene. A struggle between the officers and suspect ensued and when he was finally detained a butter knife was discovered in his pants pocket. The mother signed a citizens arrest for threats and the vandalism to her vehicle. The subject was booked. At 7:55 p.m. on the unit block of Brookdale Avenue, a known subject was observed and detained by officers as he matched a clothing description from an earlier incident.

The subject became combative and began to resist when an officer attempted to handcuff him. At the same time, it was revealed that the subject had a warrant. Both officers struggled with the subject but were able to take him into custody.

\*On June 19 at 12:12 a.m. on the 1800 block of Sunnydale Avenue, officers responded to a call for service and came into contact with a female subject who was later booked for an out of county warrant. At 3:50 p.m. on the 100 block Blythdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of an unknown suspect breaking into a home and breaking several pieces of furniture. At 4:34 p.m. on the 1500 block Sunnydale Avenue, officers responded to a report of gun shots heard. They arrived on scene and contacted a Muni bus driver, who stated two of his passengers just got off his bus and fired several shots from a handgun towards the Sunnydale projects. An officer searched the area and located two subjects matching the description. After positive identification from several witnesses, the suspects were arrested for the shooting.

\*On June 20 at 9:26 p.m. on the 100 block Blythdale Avenue, an officer prepared a report of a known suspect breaking a window. At 10:05 p.m. at Visitacion Avenue and Talbert Street, an officer witnessed a vehicle without a license plate lamp and conducted a traffic stop. When the officer learned the driver did not have a license or proof of insurance, he issued a citation for all three violations and towed the car. At 11:12 p.m. on the 2400 block of Bayshore Boulevard, officers were on patrol when they noticed smoke coming from the second floor of an apartment building. They immediately called in the fire and assisted the residents in escaping the building.

## Police Summaries

\*May 23 10:50 a.m., Unit block of Ervine St., recovered vehicle

\*May 25 5:24 a.m., Bayshore Blvd and Sunnydale Ave., traffic collision

\*May 25 10 a.m., 200 block of Blythdale Ave., recovered vehicle

\*May 26 7:55 p.m., 100 block of Leland Ave., robbery, victim's purse taken by male subject

\*May 29 6:41 a.m., 300 block of Campbell Ave., recovered vehicle

\*June 1 10:05 a.m., 400 block of Argonaut Ave., stolen vehicle

\*June 1 10:20 a.m., 1500 block of Sunnydale Ave., recovered vehicle

\*June 1 4:49 p.m., Rey St. and Garrison Ave., recovered vehicle

\*June 2 3:08 a.m., 300 block of Leland Ave., recovered vehicle

\*June 6 2:45 p.m., 100 block of Dwight St., vehicle theft

\*June 7 12:05 a.m., Visitacion Ave. and Rey St., license plate theft

\*June 7 12:17 p.m., 400 block of Alpha St., recovered vehicle

\*June 8 12:45 a.m., San Bruno and Harkness Aves., vehicle theft

\*June 9 10:30 a.m., San Bruno and Wilde Aves., recovered vehicle

\*June 9 7:06 p.m., 1600 block of Sunnydale Ave., recovered vehicle

\*June 10 12:01 p.m., 100 block of Peabody St., license plate theft

\*June 13 2:30 p.m., 300 block of Mansell St., recovered vehicle

\*June 15 100 block of Cambridge St., robbery, no arrest

\*June 17 900 block of Mansell St., burglary, no arrest

\*June 20 12:30 p.m., 700 block of Velasco Ave., vehicle theft

\*June 20 1:58 p.m., Rutland St. at Raymond Ave., vehicle recovery

\*June 20 3:45 p.m., 1800 block of Sunnydale Ave., vehicle recovery

Captain David Lazar of Ingleside Station and Captain John Loftus of Bawew Station contributed to this report.

## Sound Financial Advice for Brand New Fathers

by Jason Alderman

People often say mothers have the hardest job in the world – and I wouldn't dispute that.

But being a father might be the second hardest job in the world. And becoming a dad for the first time is a challenge for all men.

Putting aside the physical and emotional rigors of fatherhood, the financial implications of having a child are staggering.

According to the USDA, the average cost for a middle-income family to raise a child until age 18 is over \$200,000 – and that doesn't even include college.

Small wonder, then, that nearly 40 percent of Americans surveyed by Visa Inc. said they weren't prepared financially for the birth of their first child.

As one dad to another, let me share a few financial planning strategies that can help map out a strong financial future for your family:

Get insured. Although young, single adults often go under-insured, if your family depends on your income, you shouldn't be unprepared for life's unexpected events. Buy adequate coverage for:

• Health insurance. If you don't think kids are expensive, start adding up the costs for prenatal exams, delivery, immunizations, check-ups, broken arms, medications, dentist appointments, braces – the list goes on. When comparing medical plans, focus on issues like monthly premium, copayment, deductible and prescription amounts, in- and out-of-network charges, and coverage limits and exclusions.

• Homeowner/renter's insurance. Don't allow theft, fire, faulty plumbing or other catastrophes to leave your family without possessions or a place to live. Consider choosing a higher deductible to lower your premium, and opt for "replacement cost" coverage, which will replace items in today's dollars.

• Life insurance. Depending on your family's size and ages, you'll probably want coverage worth at least five to 10 times your annual pay; more, if you want to cover college costs. And don't forget to insure your spouse so you'll be protected as well.

• Disability insurance. Nearly a third of us will suffer serious disabilities between ages 35 and 65. Yet many folks forego long-term disability insurance, potentially leaving them without an income after a serious accident or illness.

To learn more about the financial implications of disability and other unexpected life events, visit Practical Money Skills for Life, Visa's free personal financial management site ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/unexpected](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/unexpected)).

Start saving now. It's ironic: When you're young and can least afford it, that's when you can make the most lasting impact on your financial future. The earlier you start saving and "compounding" or reinvesting the interest earned, the faster your savings will grow. That's true whether you're saving to buy a house, pay for retirement or send your kids to college.

One tip: If your employer offers 401(k) matching contributions, contribute at least enough to take full advantage of the match: A 50 percent match is the same as earning 50 percent interest on savings.

And finally, spend responsibly. If you buy things you don't really need or can't afford, you'll just end up having to work longer hours to pay for them. That's unrecoverable time you could have spent watching your kids grow.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

## The Walls Came Tumbling Down



Demolition of the former Schlage Lock factory on Bayshore Boulevard continued into the summer to make way for new Visitacion Valley housing.

## Empowering Youth in a Time to Talk

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Two young people, Uccechi Ametiae and Drew Jenkins, spoke of their lives in Visitacion Valley and how strongly they are determined to help bring about positive change. Senator Leland Yee put in a brief appearance and pledged to seek ways to stop violence. He said he is committed to finding resources to help the community.

After a break for a great lunch, discussion continued as various people asked questions and made suggestions about what needs to be done. Most memorable was the great love and caring that was expressed for the youth who are growing up in a

frightening environment and who need guidance to break out of the cycle of violence that surrounds them.

While the meeting was going on inside, young children were having a good time in the school yard and some of the older youth were creating murals expressing their hope and determination, which they carried inside and displayed.

This event was a small but extremely vital step towards bringing positive changes to the neighborhoods of Visitacion Valley, and bringing more of our young people into the citywide involvement being promoted by the Youth Commission.



The murals carries the message: It's time to stop the violence and talk.

## Benefit Luncheon & Silent Auction to help the blind children

Sponsored by Blind Vietnamese Children Foundation (B.V.C.F.)



Saturday, July 11, 2009

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Visitacion Church

Reservation \$20 for Adult OR Child

Make check payable to "B.V.C.F."

All reservation must be in by July 7th

Buy a ticket after Mass or see Betty in the Rectory

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## Little California Towns 2

## Historic Proportions

1859

Match clues to answers.

1. Admitted Feb. 14 as the 33rd U.S. state.
2. Wrecked on the coast of Anglesey, Wales with 454 dead on Oct. 26.
3. On Apr. 25, ground is broken for this.
4. A French amateur astronomer on Mar. 26 claimed a planet closer to the Sun than Mercury.

## As a Matter of Fact

\*The first stop sign was put up in Detroit in 1914.

\*Louis XIV owned 413 beds.

\*The blob of glass at the end of a glass blower's pipe is called a gather.

\*The green rooms found in theaters were so named because the walls were often painted green to rest the eyes of actors after exposure to bright stage lights.

\*The rhea is a small South American bird that resembles the ostrich. After the female lays the eggs, the male sits on them until they hatch. He then raises the young.

\*Dr. Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary of the English Language B the first comprehensive lexicographical work on English ever undertaken B in 1755.

## Grapevine Five Years Ago

JULY 2004

\*A new door-to-door program was commenced on June 10, designed to direct residents of various San Francisco neighborhoods to various City services they may not have known existed. Project Connect was immediately in action in the Sunnydale housing complex following an early morning press conference in Visitation Valley where Mayor Gavin Newsom announced that a crew of 100 city workers and volunteers from other organizations would be staffing the program.

\*Actor and director Rob Reiner was joined by local officials on June 2 at Visitation Valley Family School on Leland Avenue to announce the first phase of a plan to implement voluntary universal preschool for the City's four-year-olds.

\*Five spectacular mosaic murals created by sixth-graders at Visitation Valley Middle School were unveiled May 21 in an afternoon ceremony.

5. On Apr. 28, this ship was wrecked off the English coast with 424 dead.

6. He crossed Niagara Falls on a tight-rope for the first time on June 30.

7. Border Treaty on May 5 between this country and Venezuela:

8. Charles Dickens had this published on Apr. 20.

9. Chimes rang on July 11 for the first time in London.

10. Wallachia and Moldavia were united Jan. 24 under this name.

11. Border dispute between Americans and British on the San Juan Islands began on June 15.

12. One of the highest summits in the Alps first ascended on July 30.

A. Charles Blondin

B. Vulcan

C. A Tale of Two Cities

D. Oregon

E. Romania

F. Grand Combin

G. Royal Charter

H. Pig War

I. The Pomona

J. Suez Canal

K. Big Ben

L. Brazil

Answers: 1-D, 2-C, 3-J, 4-B, 5-A, 6-I, 7-F, 8-C, 9-K, 10-E, 11-I, 12-F.

## Sez Who?

Match quotes to speakers.

1. "Life is what happens while you are making other plans."

2. "It was so cold, I almost got married."

3. "There are no good girls gone wrong, just bad girls found out."

4. "You're not a star until they can spell your name in Karachi."

5. "Finishing second in the Olympics gets you silver. Finishing second in politics gets you oblivion."

6. "It is always the unreadable that occurs."

7. "Life is like a B-movie. You don't want to leave in the middle of it but you don't want to see it again."

8. "The real leader has no need to lead—he is content to point the way."

9. "If a man owns land, the land owns him."

A. Shelley Winters

B. Henry Miller

C. Humphrey Bogart

D. Ralph Waldo Emerson

E. Mae West

F. Ted Turner

G. John Lennon

H. Richard Nixon

I. Oscar Wilde

## Children and Teen Summer Reading Turning Green

San Francisco Public Library is encouraging its youngest readers to engage with a new world this summer. The summer reading programs for children and teens have taken on a new focus – engaging young readers in the world around them and the effects of everyone's actions on the environment.

For children up to age 13, the Read it and Green It program, which runs through Saturday, Aug. 8, encourages children to learn about leading a greener life with themed programs and booklists and the chance to win weekly eco-friendly prizes, such as passes to local attractions.

By reading or being read to, children also can help the environment. Every hour of reading reported to the Library counts toward planting new trees in San Francisco with Friends of the Urban Forest. Children also can enter a raffle to win a grand prize such as a gift certificate for a bicycle or musical instrument, or a family membership to a local attraction.

Find out more details about the program at: <http://readitandgreenit.blogspot.com/>

For older children, the Cool It! Green Teen Summer Read encourages teens to learn about and lend a hand to cool the Earth and combat global warming.

Teens can earn eco-prizes such as recycled paper notebooks and bamboo flash drives by reading and/or by volunteering at local environmental organizations. They can receive credit for reading books, magazines, newspapers, even online reading as well as for spending up to 15 hours with local organizations planting trees, cleaning up parks, restoring beaches or shorelines, helping sell used books, sorting through reusable art supplies or recycling materials. Teens also have a chance to enter a raffle for a grand prize including a MacBook Air, a bicycle or an iPod. More information and a list of participating volunteer organizations can be found at: <http://teensummerread.wordpress.com/>

Participants can sign up for the summer reading programs at any branch library.

San Francisco Public Library's Green Stacks is a new program dedicated to helping the City go green. Libraries have always been dedicated to free, renewable resources and this new, citywide program highlights the environmental initiatives, programs, exhibitions and information created and supported by today's library system. In partnership with SF Environment and Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, Green Stacks empowers all library users to live a more eco-friendly life. Find out more at [sfpl.org/green](http://sfpl.org/green).

## Visitation Valley Business Directory

Valley free listings in the 415 area code  
Call the Grapevine at (415) 467-9300

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**AUTOMOTIVE**  
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**BANK**  
BANK OF AMERICA, 6 Leland Ave., 622-4501  
**BAKERS**  
LITTLE QUIAPO BAKE SHOP, 169 Leland Ave., 239-2253  
**BARBERS**  
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**BEAUTICIANS**  
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HONG KONG HAIR & NAIL BEAUTY SALON, 199 Leland Ave., 333-1005  
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SHERRY BEAUTY SALON, 60 Leland Ave., 337-9381  
**BLIND CLEANING**  
SPEEDY ULTRASONIC BLIND CLEANING (commercial and residential), 1116 Grand St., 467-7506  
**BOARDING HOUSE**  
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**BOOKKEEPERS**  
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VERNA WALLACE E.A., 2320 Bayshore Blvd., 239-5333  
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**CHURCHES**  
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KOREAN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 333 Tunnel Ave., 468-1213  
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**DENTIST**  
VISITACION VALLEY DENTAL OFFICE (Albert Kwan, DDS), 37 Leland Ave., 239-5500  
**DEVELOPERS**  
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**ELECTRICAL**  
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EDIE EPPS (A.H.E. INSURANCE), 467-0236, Fax 467-0276  
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**LEARNING**  
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HERITAGE HOMES CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 245 Rey St., 586-8700  
JOHN KING CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER, 500 Raymond Ave., 333-1375  
VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY BEACH CENTER, 450 Raymond Ave., 452-4907  
VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS, 103 Tucker Ave., 467-5565  
VISITACION VALLEY FAMILY SCHOOL, 325 Leland Ave., 585-9320  
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VISITACION VALLEY BRANCH, 45 Leland Ave., 239-5270  
**MANUFACTURER**  
SEES CANDIES, INC., 345 Schwenn St.  
**MEDICAL**  
AMERICAN RED CROSS, BAY AREA CHAPTER, 1704 Sunnydale Ave., 584-3620  
HAWKINS VILLAGE MEDICAL CLINIC (Dept. of Public Health), 1099 Sunnydale Ave., Appointments 715-0310  
DR. SAM HD, MD, 2858 San Bruno Ave., 337-6135  
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NORTH EAST MEDICAL SERVICES, LELAND AVENUE, 82 Leland Ave., 391-9686 (ask for Leland Avenue clinic)  
PORTOLA FOOT & ANKLE CLINIC (Dr. Divyang Patel), 2858 San Bruno Ave., 467-7500  
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GENEVA TERRACE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, 60 Burr Ave., 584-2700  
GIRLS AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY, 2050 Sunnydale Ave., 333 Schwenn St., 584-4044  
JOHN KING SENIOR COMMUNITY, 500 Raymond Ave., 239-6233  
LELAND HOUSE, 141 Leland Ave., 405-2000  
ROCK (Real Options for City Kids), 590 Leland Ave., 333-4001  
SUNNYDALE DEVELOPMENT COO OFFICE, 1652 Sunnydale Ave., 841-1683  
VISITACION VALLEY SENIOR CENTER, 66 Raymond Ave., 467-4499  
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LaFLUE-WALTON & ASSOCIATES, 2428 Bayshore Blvd., 587-8683  
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THE VILLAGE, 1099 Sunnydale Ave., 239-5045  
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## Safe Cycling Class at Taraval Police Station

A free four-hour in-classroom introductory course in Safe Cycling on July 16 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. will be held at Taraval Police Station, 2345 24th Ave. (between Taraval and Santiago) through the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. It's perfect for those who want to feel more comfortable riding on City streets.

The class will cover the basics for how to choose the right bike and properly fit a helmet. Learn tips for the safest ways to ride in traffic, techniques to avoid or deal with road hazards and emergency maneuvers along with other useful gems of knowledge, like the best way to lock up your bike and how to use a bike in combination with public transit, and cyclists' legal rights and responsibilities.

Adults and anyone over 14 years of age are welcome, preregistration is required. Bring your lunch

or dinner. No bicycle is needed for this class.

Sign up at [sfbike.org/edu](http://sfbike.org/edu)

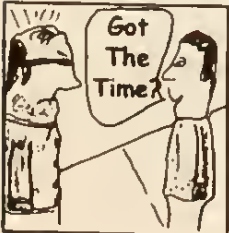
## Free Compost Classes at Garden for Environment

Free Saturday Urban Composting classes will be offered from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on both July 11 and August 1 at Garden for the Environment, San Francisco's organic demonstration garden at 7th Avenue and Lawton Street.

Since its founding in 1990, the garden has operated as a demonstration site for small-scale urban ecological food production, organic gardening, compost education and low water-use landscaping.

To pre-register, please call (415) 731-5627, or email [info@gardenfortheenvironment.org](mailto:info@gardenfortheenvironment.org). The Garden for the Environment is Wheelchair accessible.

## Sump, the Grump





## Wedding Day for Popular Visitacion Valley Merchant



(Clockwise from top right), newlyweds Russel Morine and Priya Bakshi, the wedding party with Russel's father Raymond Morine holding the lei, Priya gets ready for the ceremonial flower toss, and a gathering of Valley friends.

by Betty Parshall

Russel Morine, proprietor of Joe Leland coffee shop, and major contributor of columns and stories to the *Visitacion Valley Grapevine*, married Priya Bakshi on Saturday, June 20.

The traditional Hindu ceremony was celebrated at the Ritz Carlton, followed by a reception that included a buffet dinner, congratulatory speeches from family and friends, songs and dancing.

Dedicated merchant that he is,

Russel opened his shop that morning, but closed early and was in good time for the wedding. He and Priya plan to take some time off soon; in the meantime stop in and offer him your congratulations.

## New Golf Learning Facility at VVMS

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The facility will cost \$350,000 through private donations and will be open to all Visitacion Valley and Bayview school age children and their families for community use.

VVMS Principal Jim Dierke introduced Judith Powell, executive director of the First Tee in San Francisco, along with Frank "Sandy" Tatum, chairman of The First Tee of San Francisco, Superintendent Carlos Garcia of the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), and Mayor Gavin Newsom who later joined young golfers in first putts.

The First Tee is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in St. Augustine, FL at World Golf Village, home of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Its mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the

### Veterans Committed To Serving Other Vets

For over 60 years, an organization has been serving veterans and the communities in which they live in an effort to make a difference in the lives of others.

These two areas-veterans service and community service-drive the efforts of the organization known as AMVETS. Founded in 1944 as the American Veterans of World War II, it became in 1947 the first World War II organization to be chartered by Congress.

One of its most visible initiatives is the network of trained national service officers (NSOs) who assist veterans in obtaining the benefits promised to them by the federal government. Last year, more than 65,000 claims and appeals were filed on behalf of veterans, resulting in veterans and their families receiving \$410 million in compensation. To learn more, visit [www.AMVETS.org](http://www.AMVETS.org).

game of golf.

"We're going to use golf to transform lives," explained Tatum who is also former chairman of The United States Golf Association.

Since its inception in 1997, The First Tee has opened over 250 golf-learning facilities in 46 states and five international locations, and has introduced the game of golf and its values to more than 675,000 participants.

The First Tee of San Francisco, based at Harding Golf Course, was established in 2003 as part of the renovation of Harding Park Golf Course. It has introduced more than 3,500 Bay area youth to the game of golf and has an active membership of 1142 students participating in year round educational and golf opportunities.

In 2005, The First Tee of San Francisco implemented a golf and life skills outreach program in partnership with the SFUSD held at nine elementary and middle schools located in the Visitacion Valley and Bayview neighborhoods. The First Tee golf and life skills curriculum is part of these students physical education classes.

As students continued to improve their golf and life skills, their hunger for the game and desire to learn noticeably increased. A decision was then made to build a golf and life skills learning center in their own community on the existing lower yard playground at VVMS.

The First Tee has provided initial design and funding while the SFUSD facilities department will provide construction oversight.

### VVMS Roots Mural

Students at VVMS have also just completed and installed a 48 by 24 foot Roots Mural on the school's first floor that depicts the possible future of Visitacion Valley.

"It is an outstanding art piece and worthy of our students and our school," remarked Principal Dierke.

## Visitacion Valley Family and Community Services Center



**For a Better, Healthier, Safer Community for All**

## We Can Help You!

Complete Immigration documents, assist with SF County paperwork (Medi-Cal, Welfare, etc.), education workshops, referrals to other services

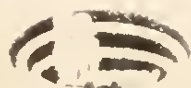
### Free Summer Art Classes

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## JULY 2009 Activities

held at 161 Leland Avenue  
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### Enhanced Information and Referral

Every Monday Through Friday  
July 1 to 31, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

For more information,  
please contact the  
Family and Community Services  
Center staff:  
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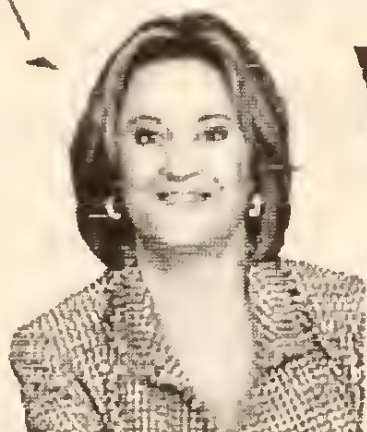


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